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Cholera has decreased at Hongkong, but, as it has not entirely disappeared, it is still a serious menace to the health of the Philippines. It has also been reported that cholera has broken out at Hanoi, China. This would indicate that cholera is spreading along the entire eastern coast of China, and that only the greatest vigilance can prevent its reintroduction into these islands.

During the week another vessel, the steamer *Juan Rodriguez*, was disinfected at Mariveles and all suspects detained on account of a case of smallpox which occurred among the crew.

The following vessels cleared for United States ports:

July 5, 1904, the steamer *Lyra*, for Tacoma via Chinese and Japanese ports. Owing to the fact that the vessel was to complete the discharge of her cargo at Hongkong and then go into dry dock, where there would be the possibility of infected rats getting aboard, there was no sulphur fumigation done at this port.

July 7, 1904, the steamer *Indra*, for New York. Vessel was fumigated throughout and the crew inspected on board just prior to sailing.

*Report from Iloilo—Month of June, 1904—No quarantinable diseases reported.*

Assistant Surgeon McCoy reports, July 1, as follows:

During the month of June no case of quarantinable disease has been reported in this port or vicinity; however, the opinion is expressed by some physicians here that cases of cholera occur but are not reported.

At the suggestion of this office, the local board of health will in future have post-mortem examinations made on all Chinese who die here, with a view of detecting any case of plague that may occur.

#### PORTO RICO.

*Report from San Juan—Quarantine transactions, month of July, 1904—Vital statistics.*

Acting Assistant Surgeon Atiles reports, August 15, through Chief Quarantine Officer King, as follows:

#### *San Juan.*

Vessels inspected.....	24
Bills of health issued.....	25
Persons detained in quarantine.....	0
Vessels detained in quarantine.....	3

The vessels were the Red D Line steamships *Caracas* and *Philadelphia*, which arrived at this port from Puerto Cabello, La Guayra, and Curaçao on July 13 and 27, respectively, and the Spanish steamship *Montevideo*, from Central and South American ports, and which touched at this port on July 22.

There were no quarantinable diseases reported in this district during the month.

The following reports show the transactions at the subports:

Mayaguez: Vessels inspected, 7; bills of health issued, 11.

Arecibo: Vessels inspected, 2; bills of health issued, 4.

Humacao: Vessels inspected, 4; bills of health issued, 5.

Aguadilla: Vessels inspected, 1; bills of health issued, 1.

Fajardo: Vessels inspected, 5; bills of health issued, 1.

Arroyo: Vessels inspected, 4; bills of health issued, 2.

*Vital statistics of the subports.*

Mayaguez: 99 births and 116 deaths, 2 from enteric fever, 12 from tuberculosis, and 4 broncho-pneumonia.

Arecibo: 77 births and 64 deaths, 11 from anæmia, 5 from bronchitis, 1 from pneumonia, 3 from tuberculosis, and 1 from malarial fever.

Aguadilla: 22 births and 37 deaths, 6 from anæmia (uncinariasis), 5 from tuberculosis, and 3 from paludism.

Humacao: 83 births and 34 deaths, 2 from anæmia, 2 from pneumonia, and 3 from tuberculosis.

Fajardo: 62 births and 45 deaths, 1 from anæmia, 1 from pernicious fever, and 14 from diseases of the respiratory apparatus.

Arroyo: 13 births and 16 deaths, 4 from diarrhea.

No quarantinable diseases are reported.

*Vital statistics of San Juan, for month of July, 1904.*

Number of births .....	77
Number of stillborns .....	10
Number of deaths .....	78

The principal causes of death were:

Tuberculosis .....	13	Toxic gastritis .....	1
Tetanus .....	5	Bright's disease .....	1
Gastro-enteritis .....	11	Gangrene .....	1
Cerebral hemorrhage .....	2	Enterocolitis .....	3
Anemia .....	1	Enteric fever .....	1
Paludism, pernicious .....	3	Enteritis .....	1
Athrepsia, infantile .....	2	All other causes .....	28
Nephritis, chronic .....	1		
Pernicious malarial fever .....	3	Total .....	78
Broncho-pneumonia .....	1		

*Report from Ponce.*

Acting Assistant Surgeon Torres reports, August 1, as follows:

*Transactions of service during the month of July, 1904.*

Vessels inspected .....	12
Bills of health issued .....	16
Passengers inspected (in transit) .....	352
Passengers inspected (incoming) .....	48
Crew inspected .....	712
Immigrants inspected .....	27
Rejection .....	0
Number of passengers detained in quarantine .....	0
Number of pieces of baggage disinfected .....	0

VENEZUELA.

*Report from La Guayra—Steamship Caracas from Curaçao quarantined.*

Passed Assistant Surgeon Frick reports, August 6 and 8, as follows:

The Red D steamer *Caracas* on her arrival here to-day was placed in quarantine by the Venezuelan authorities because of yellow fever